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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON COFFEE PRICE INCREASES

1. CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH VIGORITO, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-
COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MARKETING, OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE, HAS ANNOUNCED HEARING TO BE HELD MARCH 16-18
ON THE CAUSES OF THE RECENT INCREASES IN THE PRICE OF
COFFEE. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVITED TO TESTIFY AT
THE HEARINGS AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COMPARE RETAIL
PRICES PAID BY CONSUMERS IN THE U.S. AND CONSUMERS IN
EUROPE AND JAPAN. DECEMBER 1975 RETAIL PRICE OF COFFEE
IN U.S. WAS ONE DOLLAR AND FORTY-EIGHT CENTS.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON RETAIL
PRICES OF COFFEE FOR REGULAR ONE POUND CAN AND SIX OUNCE
JAR BOTH PRE-BRAZILIAN FROST (JUNE 1975) AND CURRENT PERIOD
IN CENTS PER POUND.
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